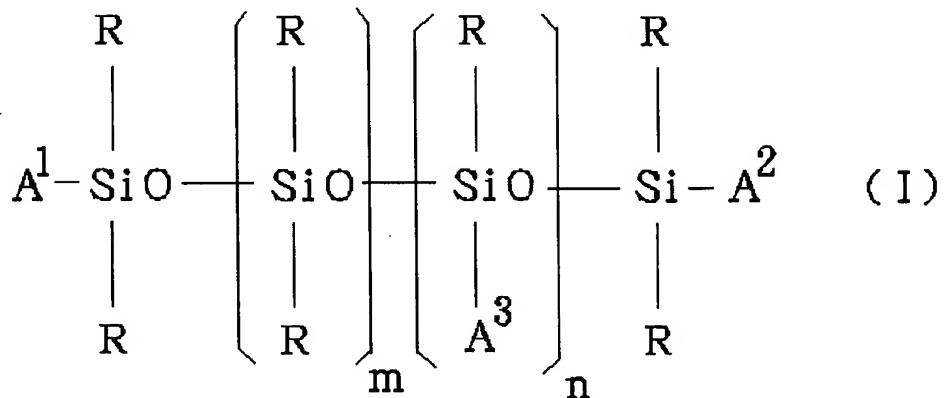


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

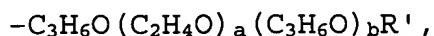
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An oil-in-water emulsified composition comprising:

- (a) hydrophobic powder particles;
- (b) a polyether-modified silicone represented by the following formula (I):



in which A^1 , A^2 , and n number of A^3 's are the same or different, and are a methyl group, a phenyl group, or a polyoxyalkylene group represented by the general formula:



wherein R' is a hydrogen atom, an acyl group, or an alkyl group with a carbon number of 1 to 4; and a and b are the same or

different integers from 5 to 50; and
at least one among A^1 , A^2 , and n number of A^3 's per molecule of
the polyether-modified silicone (I) is the polyoxyalkylene group;

R is a methyl group or a phenyl group;

m is an integer from 200 to 600; and

n is an integer from 1 to 40; and

(c) an ionic water-soluble polymer compound which is selected from the group consisting of a carboxyvinyl polymer, an alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer, and an acrylic acid/alkyl acrylate copolymer.

2. (original) The oil-in-water emulsified composition according to claim 1, further comprising (d) silicone oil.

3. (original) The oil-in-water emulsified composition according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic powder particles and the polyether-modified silicone (I) are substantially contained in the oil phase.

4. (original) The oil-in-water emulsified composition according to claim 2, wherein the hydrophobic powder particles, the polyether-modified silicone (I), and the silicone oil are substantially contained in the oil phase.

5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The oil-in-water emulsified composition according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic powder particles are one or more types of hydrophobized powder particles of materials selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, iron oxide, magnesium oxide, zinc oxide, calcium oxide, calcium phosphate, calcium carbonate, alumina, aluminum hydroxide, barium sulfate, an iridescent pigment, talc, and composite powders obtained using these materials.

7. (previously presented) The oil-in-water emulsified composition according to claim 1, comprising 0.01 to 20.0% by mass of hydrophobic powder particles, 0.01 to 5.0% by mass of polyether-modified silicone (I), and 0.01 to 2.0% by mass of the ionic water-soluble polymer compound with respect to the composition.

8. (previously presented) The oil-in-water emulsified composition according to claim 2, comprising 0.01 to 20.0% by mass of hydrophobic powder particles, 0.01 to 5.0% by mass of polyether-modified silicone (I), 0.01 to 2.0% by mass of the ionic water-soluble polymer compound, and 0.1 to 50.0% by mass of silicone oil with respect to the composition.

9. (previously presented) The oil-in-water emulsified composition according to claim 1, containing a skin whitening

agent, an anti-chapping agent, and/or an anti-wrinkle agent.

10. (previously presented) The oil-in-water emulsified composition according to claim 1, wherein the oil-in-water emulsified composition is an externally used composition.